

TRIBUTE TO COMMANDER JOHN
MILEY

HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a truly outstanding Naval Officer, Commander John Miley. He has served with distinction and dedication for three years as a Congressional Liaison Officer in the Appropriations Matters Office. It is a privilege for me to recognize his many outstanding achievements and commend him for the superb service he has provided to the Department of the Navy, the Congress, and our great Nation.

During his tenure as a representative of the Department of the Navy to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, Commander Miley diligently and successfully worked budget submission and resource issues. During that time he has accompanied me on numerous fact-finding visits to Navy and Marine Corps facilities both stateside and abroad. I could always count on him to provide well through out and candid input. Commander Miley was always on top of the issues of the day, and he relied on to insure Congress got the "right information at the right time".

Additionally, Commander Miley has provided members of the Appropriations Committees, as well as our professional and associate staffs with timely and accurate support regarding Navy plans, programs and budget decisions. He has earned our respect and trust for his dedication, knowledge of the Navy and the way he handles himself in this demanding position. His valuable contributions have enabled the Congress and the Navy to strengthen its close working relationship and to maintain the most modern, well-trained and well-equipped naval forces in the world.

Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to recognize Commander John Miley before the Congress today. It is clear through his stated and unstated accomplishments that he is a true leader with a clear sense of purpose, conviction, and conscience of service to his Nation. As he departs the Washington area to command Helicopter Combat Support Squadron EIGHT in Norfolk, VA, I call upon my colleagues to wish him and his wife, Anne-Marie, and their young son, Sean, continued success and the traditional Navy send-off "fair winds and following seas."

IN TRIBUTE TO CHARLES M. HAIR,
M.D.

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to Charles M. Hair, M.D., cofounder and President of the Livingston Memorial Foundation and Chairman of the Board of Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association.

Dr. Hair was raised in my district, in the farming community of Santa Paula, California. He joined the U.S. Army after earning his M.D. at the USC School of Medicine, and served two years in an Army field hospital in post-World War II Salzburg, Austria.

He returned to his home in Ventura County, California, in 1948, and for the next 38 years led a fulfilling life as a family doctor. He and his wife, Gerry, whom he met when he was a student at Ventura College and she a student at Ventura High School, raised five children here.

During that time, Dr. Hair made his home a better home for all his neighbors. Dr. Hair's leadership in the field of nonprofit healthcare philanthropy began in 1950 when he became an active member of the Ventura County Medical Society, of which he became president in 1958. He soon joined the Governing Council of the California Medical Council and served as CMA president from 1981 to 1983. Other boards he served on through the years are the California State Board of Consumer Affairs, the California State Chamber of Commerce, Western Conference of Prepaid Service Plan and Blue Shield of California.

Perhaps his most enduring legacy is co-founding Livingston Memorial Foundation in 1974 with Oxnard attorney Ben Nordman. The Foundation provides grants to enhance local patient care and make it available to people in financial need. In 1981, the then-Ventura Visiting Nurses Association, founded in 1947, affiliated with Livingston Memorial Foundation and changed its name to Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association (LMVNA). Together, the nonprofit organizations have greatly enhanced health care for those who otherwise would not be able to afford it.

LMVNA was founded to provide home care services as an alternative to institutionalizing the frail, elderly, sick and disabled, an idea dear to the heart of a family physician. In 1965, Medicare certified LMVNA as a home health agency. In 1987—now affiliated with Livingston Memorial Foundation—it developed a Medicare-certified Hospice program. The LMVNA Hospice program incorporates skilled nursing care with a multidisciplinary team approach to meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of the terminally ill and their families.

Needed services are provided at reduced or no charge to those who cannot afford to pay for them.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Hair "retired" in the mid-1980s, but his dedication to his profession and the ill continues undaunted. He is the epitome of the family doctor, one who knows that diagnosing an illness is just one part of the healing process. I know my colleagues will join me in recognizing his vast contributions to medicine, to his community, and to the ill, and thank him for a lifetime of healing.

TRIBUTE TO RABBI ISRAEL
ZOBERMAN

HON. EDWARD L. SCHROCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SCHROCK. Dear Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to honor Rabbi Israel Zoberman, spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Chaverim in Virginia Beach. He is also the President of the Hampton Roads Board of Rabbis, and Chairman of the Community Relations Council of the United Jewish Federation of Tidewater. I would like to share the following article that was written by Rabbi

Zoberman and appeared in the Virginian-Pilot on August 13, 2001.

ISRAEL WILL FOCUS ON SURVIVAL FIRST,
PEACE LATER

I have just encountered a place like no other where a watermelon may include an explosive device and fanatic suicide bombers threaten to rip apart all who happen to be in their vicinity. Being in Jerusalem a week ago, the latest terrifying carnage there has a chilling immediacy of both numbness and outrage! Can our Western mindset focused on fulfilling our individual lives in the here and now, catering to our every whim, understand those young Islamic terrorists transformed into martyrs with their bodies perfumed to reach heavenly delights not before turning earth into hell?

On a recent solidarity mission to Israel sponsored by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (Judaism's Reform branch), I was exposed to that reality reminiscent of the twilight zone, though the Israelis, to their credit proceed almost with life as usual. In fact, a major disaster was averted in Haifa when a suicide bomber got cold feet, an unusual occurrence. We were there to offer our brethren the familial support that only our physical presence could provide, so essential to their ability to persevere in face of a challenge not to them alone but to all civilized life.

Israel's dramatic accomplishments, aided by the promise of peace, particularly shine brightly in that part of the world, with a GNP approaching Western Europe's and a second-to-none high-tech revolution reflective of its brain-power, underlying an alliance with human progress and innovation. It is even more impressive given the Israeli context of security concerns while absorbing a million immigrants from as diverse cultures as the Russian and Ethiopian ones. The great strides toward lasting peace with the Arab world following bitter wars with only a year ago reaching the brink of finally burying the hatchet with the resilient Palestinian foe. That dream dashed by Chairman Arafat who apparently could not grasp how far his people came, turning instead to his all too familiar way of violence in violation of the Oslo Accords that he signed. Rabbi Michael Melchoir, Deputy Foreign Minister, who was at Camp David, assured us that former Prime Minister Barak indeed courageously made the "historical concessions" inviting Arafat to respond constructively. Melchoir emphasized that the present lengthy crisis has created much hardship to the Palestinian population with fifty-percent unemployment and their towns under closure.

Perhaps it was the 1995 assassination of Prime Minister Rabin by a Jewish extremist that ultimately led to the deadly impasse. Rabin and Arafat developed a personal bond so essential for overcoming years of mutual mistrust. The daughter of the general turned peacemaker, Dalia Rabin-Pelosoff, who serves as Deputy Defense Minister, movingly reminded us at the Rabin Center For the Study of Peace, that the fateful bullet continues to affect the Middle East's destiny. But the petite and assertive woman was also adamant of the need to stand up to terrorism and carefully separate the two peoples, in which I wholeheartedly concur. Disconcertingly, she reported of yet no information on the fate of the three kidnapped Israeli soldiers including Benny Avraham of Tidewater's adopted Pardes Katz. At the same setting, the new U.S. Ambassador to Israel, Daniel Kurtzer, asked us in the midst of a trying scenario to remember the end goal of peace.

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's message to us dwelled on the overriding importance of